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1. GKR TROOPS, SUPPORTED BY HEAVY US BOMBING, REOPEN HIGHWAY 4. KI IGNORE PP'S CEASE-FIRE APPEAL, SWITCH EFFORTS TO HIGHWAY 3 (CHITRIB, WP, CSM) NYT AND SUN REPORT KI SURROUND GKR BATTALIONS AND OUTPOSTS AT 5 LOCATIONS AROUND PP INCLUDING KAMPONG KANTUOT. RELIEF EFFORTS UNDERWAY, BUT FIELD OFFICERS EXPECT TO BE OVERRUN SOON.

2. SEN. BROOKE RELEASES REPORT BASED ON 2-WEEK APRIL TOUR OF IOCHINA. URGES EXTENSIVE AID FOR REFUGEES TO AVOID "A HUMAN DISASTER OF MAJOR PROPORTIONS". SAYS PROBLEM MOST SEVERE IN CAMBODIA, BUT LAOS AND SVN NEED HELP ALSO (CSM, NYT). SEES CONGRESS UNLIKELY TO OK \$7.5 BILLION RECONSTRUCTION PROGRAM (WP). URGES END TO BOMBING AND SUPPORT OF SIHANOUK WHO MAY BE ONLY PERSON WHO "COULD BIND THE INSURGENTS TOGETHER WAS WELL AS OBTAIN SUFFICIENT POPULAR SUPPORT TO BRING THE CONFLICT TO AN END." BROOKE ACCUSED POLISH DEL OF "BLATANT CYNICISM" IN ARGUING ICCS CAN INVESTIGATE VIOLATIONS ONLY ON REQUEST OF BOTH SIDES IN VN (NYDN). ALSO SEES LACK OF COOPERATION BY COMMUNISTS AS CHIEF OBSTACLE IN ACCOUNTING FOR MIAS; SAYS CHARGES

OF BRUTALITY AND TORTURE IN GVN PRISONS NECESSITATE SERIOUS QUESTIONING OF CONTINUED US SUPPORT FOR PUBLIC SAFETY PROGRAM (SUN).

3. OKA (CSM) REPORTS FROM SAIGON THAT UNCERTAIN, FRAGILE PEACE IS SETTLING ACROSS LAND. BATTLING IN KONTUM AND CHUONG THIEN, INCIDENTS ELSEWHERE, AND SHRILL COUNTER-ACCUSATIONS BY GVN AND NLF MAR SITUATION, BUT THERE IS MEASURE OF PEACE. GVN UNCLASSIFIED

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OFFICIALS CONTEND COMMUNISTS MAY LAUNCH NEW OFFENSIVE WITHIN 6 MONTHS. POPULATION, ESPECIALLY IN SAIGON, PROFOUNDLY UNCERTAIN. WORRIED, HARASSED BY RISING PRICES, BURDENED WITH DEFENSE COSTS, PEOPLE ARE RELUCTANT TO TALK TO JOURNALISTS. THIEU OFFERS INTERNATIONALLY SUPERVISED ELECTIONS AND HAS SET UP DEMOCRACY PARTY TO WHICH MILITARY AND GOVERNMENT FUNCTIONARIES EXPECTED TO BELONG. BUT MANY OPPOSITION

POLITICIANS SAY THIEU IS TRYING TO DRIVE PEOPLE INTO CHOICE BETWEEN ONLY TWO CAMPS--HIMSELF OR COMMUNISTS. WIDESPREAD PUBLIC INDIFFERENCE TO COMING SENATE ELECTION, PERHAPS BECAUSE ONLY CANDIDATES ARE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTERS.

4. JOHN BURNS (CSM) REPORTS ON SIHANOUK BANQUET SPEECH IN PEKING. PRINCE REPEATED FLAT REFUSAL TO NEGOTIATE COMPROMISE AND APPEALED TO THIRD-WORLD COUNTRIES TO SUPPLY ARMS AND AMMUNITION FOR KI. CHOU EN-LAI AND SIHANOUK BITTERLY CONDEMNED WHAT THEY DESCRIBED AS PLANS TO INTRODUCE THAI AND GVN TROOPS INTO CAMBODIA. SOME DIPLOMATS SEE SIHANOUK'S PLEA TO "ALL FRATERNAL COUNTRIES AND ANTI-IMPERIALIST COMRADES-IN-ARMS" AS INDICATION KI MAY BE FACING SHORTAGES; CHOU REITERATED DEMAND THAT US CEASE ALL MILITARY ACTIVITIES IN CAMBODIA, BUT DID NOT INDICATE PRC IS READY TO REPLY TO PRINCE'S PLEA FOR ARMS. ANTICIPATING CHINA'S INHIBITIONS, SIHANOUK DECLARED THAT RESPONSE TO HIS APPEAL WOULD NOT "VIOLATE THE SPIRIT AND LETTER" OF PARIS ACCORD, SINCE ENTIRE WORLD KNEW ARTICLE REFERRING TO CAMBODIA BEING "VIOLATED FROM TOP TO BOTTOM AND SOLELY BY" USG. SIHANOUK ALSO DENOUNCED AS "PROPAGANDA TRICK" AND "HYPOCRISY" WASHINGTON SUGGESTIONS THAT SECRET NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDER WAY.

5. GVN REPORTS 56 VIOLATIONS, WITH HEAVIEST FIGHTING STILL AROUND KONTUM (NYT, CHITRIB).

6. GVN SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED TWIN-ENGINE TRANSPORT WITH 17 PERSONS ABOARD CRASHED SHORTLY AFTER TAKE-OFF FROM PHU QUOC ISLAND. 22 RESCUED, SEARCH FOR OTHERS UNCLASSIFIED

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CONTINUING (CHITRIB).

7. VC DEL ADMITS ITS FORCES HOLDING TWO MISSING CANDEL OFFICERS; FIRST FIRM WORD TWO ARE SAFE (WP). VC SPOKESMAN, HOWEVER, SAYS IMPOSSIBLE TO RESUME SEARCH UNTIL GVN "LAND-GRABBING" OPERATIONS IN AREA CEASE. GVN COMMAND SAYS IT KNOWS OF NO GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS IN SEARCH AREA. CANDEL HAS IMPOSED NEWS BLACKOUT ON SEARCH EFFORTS, AND GAUVIN CONTINUES DELAY HIS DEPARTURE TO OTTAWA. DIPLOMATIC WRANGLING OVER RELEASE OF TWO OFFICERS HAS VIRTUALLY PARALYZED WORK OF ICCS (NYT).

8. PARKS (SUN) REPORTS LE DUAN AND PHAM VAN DONG IN MOSCOW FOR INTENSIVE TALKS ON INDOCHINA AND

SOVIET ASSISTANCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION OF NVN AND FOR ITS MILITARY FORCES. DIFFERENCES BETWEEN MOSCOW AND HANOI REMAIN, WITH MOSCOW INSISTING IT REGARDS VIET CONFLICT AS SETTLED AND ONLY DETAILS REMAIN TO BE IRONED OUT. IT ADDS SVN RE-UNIFICATION IS LONG WAY OFF AT BEST, AND CONTINUES TO NOTE POINTEDLY THAT PARIS AGREEMENT MUST BE STRICTLY HONORED BY ALL PARTIES. LE DUAN EARLIER LED DELEGATION TO PEKING WHERE CHINESE ALSO PUT PRESSURE ON HANOI TO MAKE AGREEMENT WORK.

9. DAVID SHIPLER (NYT) REPORTS ON VC DEL'S WEEKLY SAIGON NEWS CONFERENCES. NEWSMEN GET FRIENDLY RECEPTION, ARE PLIED WITH ORANGE SODA. BRIEFINGS DETAIL GVN VIOLATIONS, TEND TO BE LONG ON RHETORIC AND SHORT ON NEWS. QUESTIONS OFTEN GET SPEECHES, NOT ANSWERS. GVN STILL RESTRICTS PRG DEL TO COMPOUND, AND RESTRICTS ACCESS TO THE COMPOUND. YESTERDAY JACQUES LESLIE (LAT) WAS TURNED AWAY FROM PRESS BUS GOING TO COMPOUND WITHOUT EXPLANATION. VC SAY THEY AR BORED AND HAVE TURNED TO VOLLEYBALL AND GARDENING TO PASS TIME. IN TABLE TENNIS VC BEAT ICCS TEAM.

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10. US POSTAL SERVICE ANNOUNCES START OF US-PRC PARCEL POST DELIVERIES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN RESTRICTIONS. PARCELS MAILED TO CHINA WILL BE FORWARDED BY US TO KWANGCHOW VIA HK; PARCELS FROM PRC WILL GO TO

OAKLAND OR SF POST OFFICE (AP, SUN; UPI PHINQ, NYDN; NYT).

11. CODEL ARRIVES IN SIAN. REP. MORGAN, FORMER PHYSICIAN, WITNESSES ACUPUNCTURE, SAYS, "NOW I'M CONVINCED, THERE'S NO DOUBT IT WORKS" (UPI, NYDN).

12. DURDIN (NYT), IN HONG KONG, REPORTS THAT SOME CHILDREN OF FORMER CHINESE BOURGEOISIE WILL HAVE CHANCE THIS YEAR OF ENTERING CHINESE INSTITUTIONS OF HIGHER LEARNING FOR FIRST TIME SINCE CULTURAL REVOLUTION.

13. SOUTHEAST ASIA COMMODITY EXCHANGE -- FIRST WORLD COMMODITY EXCHANGE IN FAR EAST, TRADING IN INTERNATIONAL SILVER, COPPER, SUGAR, COCOA AND

COFFEE FUTURES -- WILL OPEN IN HONG KONG IN ASSOCIATION WITH US WEST COAST COMMODITY EXCHANGE (REUTER, CSM).

JAPAN

14. SENS. MONDALE AND BAYH CHARGE THAT CONSTRUCTION OF TRANS-ALASKAN PIPELINE WOULD RESULT IN SALE OF MILLIONS OF BARRELS OF OIL TO JAPAN, DEPRIVING US OF NEEDED FUEL (UPI, WP, PHINQ).

15. AMB. USHIBA SAYS GOJ WILL OPEN CONSULAR OFFICE IN ATLANTA NEXT YEAR TO PROMOTE ECONOMIC, CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL RELATIONS WITH 6 SOUTHERN STATES (AP, NYT).

16. RESIDENTS OF TOKYO AND SURROUNDING TOWNS VOTED YESTERDAY FOR TOKYO METROPOLITAN ASSEMBLY. OUTCOME, TO BE KNOWN TODAY, MAY BE CRITICAL TO TANAKA GOVERNMENT (NYT'S TRUMBULL, IN TOKYO).

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17. WITH US DOLLAR, AND ITS OWN, DECLINING IN FOREIGN CURRENCY MARKET VALUE, AUSTRALIA MAY BREAK LINKS WITH US DOLLAR AND LET ITS OWN FLOAT (WSJ, HARTLEY).

18. NYT CARRIES LENGTHY OBIT ON FORMER ALP LEADER ARTHUR CALWELL.

19. INDICATION THAT TESTS MAY SOON BEGIN SEEN IN GOF ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT ALL VESSELS

WILL BE BANNED FROM ZONE AROUND TEST SITE STARTING JULY ;;. NZ FRIGATE OTAGO, WITH INTERIOR MINISTER ON BOARD, ENTERED DANGER ZONE EARLY SATURDAY (AP NYT, NYDN, SUN; CSM). REPORTS IN AUCKLAND SAY ANOTHER PROTEST BOAT, WITH ;2 ABOARD, IS SAILING ;3 MILES FROM MUROROA AND PLANS TO STAY WITHIN DANGER ZONE THROUGH TEST (UPI, CHITRIB). COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

20. ANTHONY LEWIS (NYT) IN LONDON BLASTS GODLEY-SULLIVAN NOMINATIONS. SAYS THAT SETTING AUG. 15 CAMBODIA BOMBING CUTOFF WAS ENORMOUS STEP IN RESTORING THE POLITICAL HEALTH OF THE US, BUT SENATE FACES NEW TEST OF ITS SERIOUSNESS IN OPPOSING BRUTAL AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL PRESIDENTIAL WARS IN PENDING NOMINATIONS OF SULLIVAN

AND GODLEY, BOTH OF THOM "PLAYED A DECISIVE PART IN WHAT MUST QUALIFY AS THE MOST APPALLING EPISODE OF LAWLESS CRUELTY IN AMERICAN HISTORY, THE BOMBING OF LAOS." SAYS BETWEEN 1964 AND 1973 ("THE SULLIVAN-GODLEY YEARS"), US DROPPED TWO-THIRDS OF A TON OF BOMBS FOR EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN LAOS. CHARGES SULLIVAN KEPT BOMBING SECRET FROM AMERICAN PEOPLE, CONCEALED IT FROM VISITING CONGRESSMAN AND COMMITTEES, WAS DIRECTLY IN CHARGE OF ALL CIA AND MERCENARY PERSONNEL INVOLVED IN BOMBING, AND APPROVED TARGETS. WHEN HE ADMITTED BOMBING IN 1969, HE STILL FALSELY DENIED ATTACKING CIVILIAN TARGETS. B-52S CAME INTO REGULAR USE UNDER GODLEY. THEY HAVE "BLOOD UNCLASSIFIED

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OF MORE INNOCENT HUMAN BEINGS ON THEIR HANDS THAN JUST ABOUT ANYONE WHO HAS EVER SERVED" AS FSO. WHEN SULLIVAN SAID "JUSTIFICATION" FOR BOMBING OF CAMBODIA WAS "RE-ELECTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON," HIS STATEMENT REFLECTED HIS CONSISTENT VIEW OF PRESIDENTIAL POWER. IN 1969, SULLIVAN REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY WHEN SYMINGTON ASKED HIM WHETHER HE THOUGHT PRESIDENT HAS RIGHT TO PUT MILITARY TROOPS IN PLANES OVER A FOREIGN COUNTRY. IN MAY, TESTIFYING BEFORE SFRC ON HIS NOMINATION TO MANILA, SULLIVAN WAS ASKED BY FULBRIGHT WHETHER US MIGHT INTERVENE MILITARILY IN THE PHILS IF MARCOS ASKED US TO. HE REPLIED: "I THINK THAT DEPENDS ON THE DECISION OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES. HE HAS THE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY TO MAKE THAT DECISION." CONFIRMATION OF THESE TWO APPOINTMENTS ARE CONSIDERED LIKELY, BUT IF SFRC AND THE SENATE ARE "SERIOUS ABOUT RESTORING CONSTITUTIONAL BALANCE OF POWER, CAN THEY REALLY APPROVE NOMINATIONS THAT ARE SUCH SYMBOLS OF LAWLESSNESS AND BRUTALITY RECORDED IN PRESIDENTIAL WAR-MAKING?"

21. MILES RAPOPORT DESCRIBES RECENT TWO-WEEK VISIT TO NVN AS INDOCHINA PEACE CAMPAIGN REP (GLOBE, JULY 6). TOOK SIX-DAY TRIP SOUTH FROM HANOI TO VINH WHERE, HE CLAIMS, NO AMERICANS HAVE TRAVELED SINCE 1969. FOUND MORE DESTRUCTION THAN IMAGINED. ALL ALONG HIGHWAY, THERE WAS NO CONCENTRATION EVEN OF FOUR OR FIVE HOMES THAT HAD NOT BEEN BOMBED; EVERY RAILROAD STATION, PAGODA, CHURCH, VILLAGE, ALMOST WITHOUT EXCEPTION, HAD BEEN HIT.

SAW BRIDGES, EIGHT OR TEN FEET LONG, WITH HUNDREDS OF CRATERS AROUND THEM, REFLECTING AMERICAN DEFINITION OF "MILITARY TARGET" AND WASTE OF MONEY. THESE BRIDGES TAKE THREE HOURS TO REPAIR WHEN HIT. ON OTHER HAND, OBSERVES MASSIVE AND ENERGETIC REBUILDING CAMPAIGN GOING ON. IN HANOI A MAJOR REBIRTH IS TAKING PLACE. HANOI WAS

EVACUATED THREE YEARS AGO WHEN PRES. RESUMED BOMBING OF NVN. EIGHTY PERCENT OF PEOPLE LEFT CITY; NOW MILLIONS ARE COMING BACK FROM COUNTRYSIDE. CIRCUS HAS RETURNED; THEATRES REOPENED; BEER GARDENS IN PARKS. BUT ROAD AHEAD WILL NOT BE EASY; ONE ESTIMATE IS THAT 85 OF UNCLASSIFIED

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INDUSTRIAL CAPACITY WAS LOST. IN PARIS AGREEMENT, US PLEDGED TO AID RECONSTRUCTION OF VN. VIETNAMESE NEED AID AND SAY THEY ARE GUARANTEED IT. BUT IT IS PRIMARILY UP TO PEOPLE IN US TO SEE THAT THIS OBLIGATION IS KEPT. IN ADDITION, VIETNAMESE KNOW THEY ARE NOT YET SAFE FROM RAVAGES OF WAR SINCE PRES. HAS THREATENED TO REESCALATE. THEY MAINTAIN MILITARY PREPAREDNESS AND WILL NOT ALLOW PEACE AGREEMENT PROVISIONS DEALING WITH SVN'S POLITICAL FUTURE TO BE IGNORED BY THIEU INDEFINITELY.

22. PHINQ COMMENTS ON GAO AUDIT WHICH SHOWS EXTENT OF PHANTOM-TROOP PROBLEM IN GKR. "ONE OF THE SENTIMENTALITIES THAT LONG DOMINATED THE RATIONALE FOR AMERICA'S WAR IN INDOCHINA WAS DEMOCRATIC EVANGELISM - THE THOUGHT THAT WE COULD SOMEHOW IMPLANT GOVERNMENT AND ECONOMIC PRINCIPLES AMONG ASIANS ON THE LINES TAUGHT IN MRS. GRUNDY'S CIVICS CLASS." CAMBODIAN REPORT MAKES CLEAR THAT THE RESULT HAS BEEN THE CONTRARY: THE US HAS IMPLANTED AND FINANCED VAST GRAFT, AND HAS ERECTED GOVERNMENTS BUILT ESSENTIALLY ON THAT PRINCIPLE.

23. POST CONSIDERS POSSIBLE CHOU VISIT TO US AS "ONE OF THE FEW IMPORTANT MOVES LEFT TO BE MADE ON THE WORLD POLITICAL CHESSBOARD. GIVEN THE DYNAMICS OF 'TRIANGULAR DIPLOMACY' - IN WHICH THE UNITED STATES CAREFULLY PLAYS OFF ONE COMMUNIST CAPITAL AGAINST ANOTHER, AND THE COMMUNIST STATES THEMSELVES CAREFULLY COMPETE FOR AMERICAN FAVOR - IT WAS ONLY NATURAL TO EXPECT MR. BREZHNEV TO BE FOLLOWED TO WASHINGTON BY A CHINESE OF COMPARABLE STATURE." NOTES CHOU'S IMPACT ON AMERICANS, LATEST BEING ROCKEFELLER. CHOU'S REPUTE FLOWERED IN ROSY ATMOSPHERE WHICH SURROUNDS US-PRC CONTACTS, BUT ONE LEARNS SOMETHING ABOUT A MAN "WHEN HE IS ON YOUR TURF".

24. NYDN NOTES GRC REJECTION OF PRC INVITATION TO SEND PING-PONG TEAM TO CHINA. OBSERVING THAT "NATIONALIST CAPITALISTS HAVE OUTSTRIPPED THE COMMUNIST CHINESE IN

EVERY ECONOMIC FIELD," COMMENTS THAT THEY CAN TAKE CARE OF THEMSELVES AND NEED NOT ACCEPT INVITATION.

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25. CSM VIEWS PARK'S READINESS TO AGREE TO NK'S PARALLEL ADMISSION TO UN AS ACKNOWLEDGEMENT THAT REUNIFICATION TALKS HAVE LITTLE CHANCE OF SUCCEEDING AND A DEPARTURE FROM HIS PREVIOUS RIGID STAND THAT SEOUL ALONE WAS ENTITLED TO SPEAK FOR KOREA INTERNATIONALLY. COMMENTS THAT WHERE REUNIFICATION IS NOT A REALISTIC PROSPECT IN FORESEEABLE FUTURE, IT IS BETTER TO HAVE BOTH HALVES INSIDE UN RATHER THAN OUTSIDE.

26. VINCE MATTHEWS (SUN) IN CANBERRA CITES AUSSIE FONOFF OFFICIALS AND DIPLOMATS AS PINNING HOPES ON FORTHCOMING NIXON-WHITLAM MEETING TO PATCH UP US SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS IN SOUTH PACIFIC WHICH WERE DAMAGED BY WHITLAM'S STRONGLY CRITICAL LETTER TO PRESIDENT ON US BOMBING LAST DEC. AND JAN. UNTIL WH ISSUED INVITATION TO WHITLAM, AUSSIE PRESS GAVE GREAT PROMINENCE TO STORIES OF AN APPARENT SNUB BY THE PRES. ISSUE CAME TO A HEAD JUNE 14 WHEN AMBASSADOR GREEN WAS PRESS CLUB GUEST AND FACED PERSISTENT QUESTIONING ON WHY MR. WHITLAM COULD NOT GET A WELCOME SIGN FROM THE PRESIDENT. CLEARLY EMBARRASSED, GREEN SAID HE WOULD HAVE TO "DUCK" THE QUESTIONS AND CONCEDED: "THIS IS A QUESTION THE TWO LEADERS WILL HAVE TO RESOLVE THEMSELVES," ADDING, "I HAVE MY OWN VIEWS." VISIT SEEN BY MATTHEWS AS EASING LIB/CP PRESSURE ON WHITLAM TO "SAVE" THE AMERICAN ALLIANCE, DEFENSE OF WHICH HAD ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED IMPORTANT IN WINNING AUSTRALIAN VOTES. WHITLAM WILL ALSO BE IN A MUCH STRONGER POSITION WHEN HE FACES HIS OWN ALP CRITICS OVER PRESENCE OF SECRET US BASES IN AUSTRALIA. HE WILL BE UNDER PRESSURE AT MID-JULY ALP CONFERENCE TO LET AUSSIES KNOW WHAT THE PINE GAP AND WOOMERA BASES ARE FOR AND WHETHER THEY INVOLVE RISK OF AUSTRALIA BEING A NUCLEAR TARGET. WITH WH INVITATION, HE WILL BE ABLE TO APPEAL TO THE PARTY TO GIVE HIM A CHANCE TO TALK WITH PRES. BEFORE MAKING ANY NEW DEMANDS. RUSH

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